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SUBJECT: URGENT NEED TO BEGIN SCREENING/VERIFICATION BY UNHCR ON GUAM

REF: (A) CINCPAC REP GUAM 102233Z MAY 75 (SITREP 36)
(B) GENEVA 3262 TO SECSTATE (061736Z MAY 75 - NOTAL)
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1. REF (A) NOTES 45 VNAF PERSONNEL AND ABOUT 15 HEADS OF FAMILIES HAVE APPROACHED U.S. TASK FORCE PERSONNEL ON GUAM EXPRESSING INTEREST IN RETURNING TO VIETNAM. MR. LENNOX, CHIEF UNHCR REP ON GUAM ADVISES HE HAS RECEIVED NO AUTHORIZATION BY UNHCR GENEVA TO COMMENCE SCREENING OR VERIFYING THESE PEOPLE DESPITE HIS REQUESTS TO GENEVA FOR SUCH INSTRUCTIONS.
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2. REF (B) QUOTES COMPLETE TEXT OF UNHCR PRESS RELEASE MAY 6 WHICH STATES (EXCERPTS ONLY FOLLOW):

QUOTE . . . UNCR WILL ASSIST IN FACILITATING VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION WHENEVER POSSIBLE, IF THIS IS THE PREFERRED CHOICE OF SOME OF TE UPROOTED, AND THE REUNITING OF SPLIT FAMILIES, THEREBY ALLEVIATING THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF SEPARATION . . . THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S REPS IN THESE COUNTRIES ARE ASSESSING THE SITUATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE DATA REQUIRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. AS PART OF THIS COMPRE;ENSIVE ASSESSMENT, TWO UNHCR OFFICIALS ARRIVED IN GUAM TODAY. . . . THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN, STATED (INNER QUOTE) MY OFFICE HAS ALWAYS HELPED PROMOTE SPEEDY SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES AND DIS-PLACED PERSONS, WHEREVER THEY MIGHT BE. UNHCR WILL, AS IN THE PAST, SEEK WAYS TO ENCOURAGE, AS NEEDED, VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION, INTEGRATION IN COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM, OR RESETTLEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS OF CONCERN TO US, IN A STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN AND NON-POLITICAL MANNER. (END INNER QUOTE) END QUOTE.

FOR GENEVA: PLEASE REQUEST UNHCR PROVIDE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO LENNOX IMMEDIATE. IF POSSIBLE PASS COPY TO DEPARTMENT IATF AND CINCPAC REP GUAM FOR SWEET FOR INFO.

4. FOR CINCPAC REP GUAM (PASS SWEET): SUGGEST YOU CONVEY PARA ONE EXCERPTS TO LENNOX, URGING HIM TO PROCEED SOONEST,

TO VERIFY EXPRESSED DESIRES OF REFUGEES FOR REPATRIATION, EVEN IN ABSENCE OF GENEVA INSTRUCTIONS, SO ICEM CAN ARRANGE EARLIEST MOVEMENT.

5. FOR BOTH: IN VIEW UNHCR'S CLEAR PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF INTENT AND PRESENCE OF UNHCR REPS ON GUAM, LENNOX FOOT-DRAGGING INEXPLICABLE TO US. WHY ARE UNHCR REPS ON GUAM IF NOT TO COMMENCE SCREENING? YOUR FRANK ASSESSMENTS DESIRED. KISSINGER

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